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1.U.S. COVERAGE:

-- PRAVDA FOLLOWS UP BREZHNEV'S NOV 30 SPEECH TO SECRETARY SIMON BY REPLAYING EXCERPTS OF U.S. PRESS REACTION. TOPICS INCLUDE AMERICAN BUSINESS LOST BECAUSE OF DISCRIMINATORY TRADE LAWS AND THE NEED TO REACH A NEW SALT AGREEMENT.

-- PRAVDA ALSO REPORTS THE DEC 1 CONCLUSION OF THE FORMAL SESSION OF SOVIET-U.S. TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL AND THE RE-ELECTION OF THE JOINT CHAIRMAN, ALKHIMOV OF GOSBANK AND KENDALL OF PEPISCO.

--IZVESTIYA REPORTS STATEMENTS ON RESULTS OF CPUSA PLENUM SUPPORTING END OF ARMS RACE, OPPOSITION TO INCREASED PENTAGON BUDGET, AND OPPOSITION TO DISCRIMINATORY TRADE BARRIERS.

2. IN OTHER COVERAGE:

-- PRAVDA ANNOUNCES OFFICIAL VISIT OF LIBYAN RCC CHAIRMAN QADHAFI IN "FIRST HALF OF DECEMBER." SLIGHTLY UNUSUAL FORMULATION HAS QADHAFI INVITED BY BOTH CC CPSU AND PRESIDUM OF SUPREME SOVIET IN FRAMEWORK OF "RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION" BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.

-- PRAVDA, IN A TASS BEIRUT ARTICLE ON LEBANESE SITUATION, DESCRIBES JUMBLATT STATEMENT AFTER MEETING WITH ARAFAT THAT PALESTINE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT HAS RIGHT TO KEEP HEAVY WEAPONS UNDER 1969 CAIRO AGREEMENT.

-- PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA NOTE UNSC EXTENSION OF UN FORCE ON GOLAN HEIGHTS UNTIL MAY 31, 1977. ARTICLES LINK THIS ACT WITH NEED TO MOVE TOWARD OVERALL SETTLEMENT ON M.E. PROBLEM.

-- PRAVDA NOTES ANGOLA ACCESSION TO UN MEMBERSHIP, SAYS ONLY U.S. ABSTAINED ON VOTE.

-- PRAVDA HAS LENGTHY TASS ARTICLE ON AWARD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF ORDER OF FRIENDSHIP OF PEOPLES TO SOVIET COMMITTEE FOR SOLIDARITY WITH ASIAN AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES. REMARKS OF CC CPSU SECRETARY PONOMAREV AT CEREMONIAL MEETING LINK DETENTE WITH CREATION OF FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR COUNTRIES OF ASIA AND AFRICA TO CONTRIBUTE TO STRUGGLE FOR PEACE, AGAINST ARMS RACE, AND AGAINST FORCES OF IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION. PONOMAREV SCOFFS AT "IMPERIALIST PROPAGANDA" ON MYTH OF SOVIET MILITARY

THREAT AND CITES AGGRESSIVE ACTION BY IMPERIALISTS
AND THEIR ACCOMPLICES IN VIETNAM, ANGOLA, SOUTHERN AFRICA
AND M.E. ACCORDING TO TASS, PARTICIPANTS IN CEREMONIAL
MEETING CONCLUDED BY DECLARING FULL APPROVAL AND SUPPORT
OF ACTIVITY OF CC CPSU LED BY "LEADING FIGURE OF
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST AND WORKERS' MOVEMENT, INDEFATIGABLE
FIGHTER FOR PEACE AND PEOPLE'S FREEDOM, COMRADE L.I.
BREZHNEV."

-- CENTRAL PRESS HAS NUMBER OF ARTICLES IN
CONNECTION WITH 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF CUBAN ARMED FORCES.
ACTIVITY OF ROMANOV-LED SOVIET DEL TO HAVANA CEREMONIES
IS MENTIONED IN ALL CENTRAL PRESS. KL HAS PICTURE AND
SHORT TEXT ON MEETING BETWEEN VISITING CUBAN GENERAL
OF DIVISION REGEIRO AND SOVIET MIN DEF MARSHALL USTINOV.
KL ALSO PRINTS TEXTS OF USTINOV CONGRATULATORY CABLE TO
CUBAN MIN DEF RAUL CASTRO. KZ ARTICLE BY LT. COL.
V. ZOLOTAREV SUMMING UP LAST 20 YEARS OF CUBAN MILITARY
ACTIVITY DESCRIBES U.S.- CIA BAY OF PIGS EFFORT.

-- IZVESTIYA HAS ARTICLE BY OSLO CORRESPONDENT
M. ZUBKO OUTLINING UUNDER-
UTILIZATION OF NORWEGIAN MARITIME FLEET DUE TO WORLDWIDE
ECONOMIC RECESSION AND INCREASED COMPETITION AMONG
WESTERN SHIPPERS. IN CONTRAST, SOVIETS ARE PORTRAYED
AS COOPERATING WITH NORWEGIANS BECAUSE OF 1974 SHIPPING
AGREEMENT.

-- PRAVDA HAS TASS PIECE FROM STOCKHOLM AND
IZVESTIYA CARRIES ITS OWN CORRESPONDENT'S VERSION OF
SWEDISH FONMIN PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT ON WARSAW PACT
PROPOSAL ON NON-FIRST USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. BOTH
ACCOUNTS ARE WEASEL-WORDED TO SUGGEST SOME KIND OF
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GOS SUPPORT OF IDEA.

-- THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE LAOTIAN PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC BROUGHT
FORTH EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE. PRAVDA FRONT-PAGES THE
BREZHNEV-PODGORNY-KOSYGIN MESSAGE TO KAYSONE AND
SOUPHANOUVONG WHICH DESCRIBES THE BASIS OF RELATIONS
AS "MARXISM-LENINISM AND PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM."
IZVESTIYA'S COMMENTARY, BY A. TER-GRIGORYANTS, IS A
RELAXED DESCRIPTION OF THE PEOPLE AND THEIR WAY OF LIFE
BASED ON THE WRITER'S RECENT VISIT. PRAVDA, BY CONTRAST,
CARRIES A LONG AND TURGID ARTICLE BY KAYSONE HIMSELF
WHICH BLASTS THE U.S. EXPLICITLY AND REPEATEDLY, SPEAKS
OF LAOS' EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH THE "DICTATORSHIP OF THE
PROLETARIAT", AND PROFUSELY THANKS THE SOVIETS FOR

THEIR AID AND SUPPORT. (KAYSONE ALSO MAKES ONE FAVORABLE MENTION OF CHINA.)

-- PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS PEKING REPORT ON THE OPENING OF THE MEETING OF THE CHINESE NPC'S STANDING COMMITTEE AND THE MAIN EVENTS OF THE FIRST DAY.

-- PRAVDA FRONT-PAGES THE POLITBURO'S ENDORSEMENT OF THE RESULTS OF BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA. AS USUAL IN SUCH STATEMENTS, THE SOVIETS IMPLICITLY CHISEL ON WHAT THEY AGREED TO BY LEAVING OUT IMPORTANT DETAILS OF JOINT DOCUMENTS (E.G., REFERENCE TO EARLIER BELGRADE DECLARATIONS).

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